



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

June 16, 2024

**PRELUDE - Josh**

## **WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

**Leader:** We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

**People:** **We believe. Help our unbelief.**

**Leader:** We know that God has saved us in the past, tending and helping us along the way.

**People:** **We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.**

**Leader:** We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond, believing and knowing that God will save.

**People:** **We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.**

**Leader:** God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with us and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

**People:** **We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, who is all-powerful to save. Amen.**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

## **OPENING HYMN #144 *This Is My Father's World***

1. This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King;  
let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

### **This Is My Father's World (Terra Beata)**

Franklin Lawrence Sheppard | Maltbie Davenport Babcock  
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## **FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC - The Rejoice Singers**

#### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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## **JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY MUSIC – Megumi Komori****“Au Bord d'une Source”**Franz Liszt  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)**Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken  
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Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we offer our gifts and reflect on your word this day, we ponder our role as stewards of your blessings. Guide us to bless our leaders with prayers for wisdom and compassion. May they lead with justice and righteousness, reflecting your will for peace and unity. Help us to be instruments of your peace, working tirelessly for the well-being of all people. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in the world. Amen.

*(Psalm 20)***SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 2:4-13 (NRSV)**

4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

6 They did not say, “Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?”

7 I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

- 8 The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.
- 9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.
- 10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.
- 11 Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.
- 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,  
13 for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem - Chancel Choir**

**O That I Had a Thousand Voices**

Jay Althouse

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Father's Admonition*

**CLOSING HYMN #553 *And Are We Yet Alive* (v. 1, 3, 4, 6)**

1. And are we yet alive,  
and see each other's face?  
Glory and thanks to Jesus give  
for his almighty grace!

3. What troubles have we seen,  
what mighty conflicts past,  
fightings without, and fears within,  
since we assembled last!

4. Yet out of all the Lord  
hath brought us by his love;  
and still he doth his help afford,  
and hides our life above.

6. Let us take up the cross  
till we the crown obtain,  
and gladly reckon all things loss  
so we may Jesus gain.

**And Are We Yet Alive (Dennis)**

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**POSTLUDE - Josh**

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